

PRICE THREE CENTS

The Middletown Transcript

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING
—AT—
Middletown, New Castle County, Delaware
—BY—
T. S. FOURACRE.
LONG DISTANCE PHONE NO. 37.

Entered at the Post Office as second-class matter
MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 15, 1908.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS

There were several bits of new given out Thursday which had the right flavor, indicating as they do that conditions are tending to a betterment that is to mean much. For instance Wheeling, West Virginia, announced that two thousand men who have been idle for many weeks have returned to work. What that means for those two thousand men and their families is not hard to imagine. Other mills in the same section of the country have been starting up, and the indications are that every effort is to be made to put men at work. That is what they want. It is work and not charity that the self-respecting man wants, and many a thrifty man to-day is in need through no fault of his own.

In another direction comes a report of activity in passenger traffic on the railroads. Railway officials in Cleveland report that with the last two weeks there has been a marked increase in both freight and passenger business. The Lake Shore Company on Wednesday moved more cars of freight than on any day since December 1st last. Then the traffic managers of the New York Central and Pennsylvania roads are credited with saying that the passenger business equals, if it does not exceed, the bulk of business done this time last year. This is another good sign.

From Washington comes a statement by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. It sets forth that during the month of January the exports of agricultural products amounted to the remarkable total of \$125,010,076, or \$7,742,800 greater than the value of similar exports for January of last year. There is nothing the matter with that showing, and particularly when it is set forth that the record for last month has never been equalled and that only twice in the history of the country have exports for any one month passed the \$120,000,000 mark.

LETTER TO JOSEPH HANSON

Middletown, Del.
Dear Sir: Paint goes by gallons. There are useful and useless gallons. Useful paint is lead-zinc-and-oil with dryer and color; useless paint is whitening, china clay, ground stone, barytes, benzine, or water. This stuff is put in, because it is cheap, to stuff out the paint, to make more gallons to sell; of course, the buyer doesn't suspect, or he wouldn't buy it. It costs as much to brush on this useless stuff as lead-zinc-and-oil; but it looks like that and feels like that in the brush; the painters don't suspect it. Besides, if the owner is willing, why should the painter object to painting two gallons for one? He is paid by the day; more gallons, more days, more money. Average paint at full price is about one-third this useless stuff; and average paint at \$1.25 or \$1.50 or \$1.75 a gallon is two-thirds trash. Fool paint is the proper name for all but pure paint; it is made to fool people with. Knave paint is another good name; it is made, of course, by knaves. Sick paint is a name for an honest weak paint. They are all weak and all extravagant: too many gallons to buy and too many gallons to brush-on. Devote is the standard.
Yours truly
F. W. DEVORE & CO.

FEDERAL AID TO RECLAIM SWAMPS

A bill to give Federal aid to States in the reclamation and drainage of marsh and overflowed lands has been introduced in the House at Washington by Congressman Hiram R. Burton. It provides that money derived from the sale of public lands in many Western and Southern States since June 30th, 1901, shall be set aside and reserved in a "drainage fund," to be used under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior in the survey for and construction and maintenance of works for reclaiming and draining swamp land.

One section of the bill provides that the Secretary of the Interior may assist any State in reclaiming swamp land by loaning money to the State upon the bonds of such State or a municipal corporation on drainage district thereof, issued under the laws of such State, for a period not greater than ten years. Before granting such a loan the Secretary of the Interior shall require the land to be reclaimed to be subdivided into lots not to exceed a quarter section, and to be sold at a price he shall prescribe.

Appointed Trustee

Former Governor William T. Watson, of Milford, has been appointed by Governor Preston Lea as a member of the state board of insane trustees to succeed former Congressman John W. Canney, who recently removed from Kent into Sussex county. While politics did not enter into the appointment, both the old and new trustees are staunch Democrats. Mr. Canney still resides in Milford, but on the Sussex side of the Mispillion river, hence his resignation.

THE TRANSCRIPT, \$1 per year.

CURRENT PRICES	
MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.	
Wheat—No. 1	\$1.93
Timothy Seed	\$2.75
Clover Seed	\$2.20
Oats	60
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.	
Eggs, per doz.	24@26
Country Butter, per lb.	36@40
Creamery Butter, per lb.	42
Lard, per lb.	10@14
Live Chickens, per lb.	12@16
Potatoes	45

Many Bargains!

If the ladies of Middletown and vicinity wish bargains, now is the time to get them at A. Fogel's.

All our Coats, Suits, Furs and Children's wear must be sold in the next ten days, regardless of cost, to make room for our Spring stock, which will be coming in the first of February.

Three months of Winter yet to wear these goods, and think of getting good up-to-date Coats and Suits at just one-half former price. It's a good investment and the wise women will take advantage of it.

We also have a few comforts left to be sold at half the former price.

Several other good values in the store which space don't allow us to mention and which you should not miss.

A. FOGEL,
East Main St. Middletown

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of *Levatus Facias*, to me directed will be exposed to Public Sale, at the National Hotel, in Middletown, New Castle County, Delaware,

ON TUESDAY,

The 25th Day of FEBRUARY, 1908,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the Town of Middletown, New Castle County and State of Delaware bounded on the north by Green Street on the east by lands of Tatman now W. S. Letherbury, on the south by lands of Cochran now Levi C. Scott, the metes and bounds of which are as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the curb line on the south side of Green Street at a distance of two hundred and fifty feet westerly from the curb line on the west side of Broad Street, a corner for this land and land of said Letherbury, then leaving the Street and running with line of said Letherbury south four degrees and forty minutes east one hundred and fifty feet to a stone corner for this lot and Letherbury's land; thence with line of said Scott's land south eighty-five degrees and twenty minutes west fifty feet to a stone corner for these lands and lands of said Scott; thence with line of said Cochran four degrees and forty minutes west one hundred and fifty feet to a point in the curb line on the south side of Green Street; thence with the curb line of said Green Street north eighty-five degrees and twenty minutes east fifty feet to the place of beginning. Containing seven thousand five hundred square feet of land more or less.

Seized and taken into execution as the property of William B. Johnson, Harry D. Johnson, Robert L. Johnson, William E. Johnson, Addie M. Johnson, Earnest Johnson, and Grover C. Johnson Mortgages and terre tenants, and to be sold by

HENRY STAFFORD, Sheriff,
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware,
February 6th, 1908.

The Globe Clothing Store

We will continue the
Low Prices until . . .

Tuesday, FEB. 18th

Men's and Young Men's Suits

In all styles, colors, shapes and patterns. Tailored and made by the best makers of America, some made equal to custom made, formerly sold at \$18, \$16, \$12, \$10 and \$8. We will sacrifice and dispose of them with your assistance for \$9.50, \$8.00, \$6.00 and \$4.50.

Men's and Young Men's Overcoats

In all styles, shapes, colors and weights. Some Priestly Guaranteed Cravanette Raincoats, formerly sold for \$20, \$18, \$14, \$10 and \$8. Will sacrifice and dispose of them if you will help us at \$10.50, \$9.00, \$7.00 and \$4.50.

Men's and Young Men's Pants

Never Rip, Cotton, Kentucky Jean, Wool, Cassimere, Scotch Mixture, Pure Silk and Wool Worsteds, formerly sold at \$6, \$5, \$4, \$3 and \$2. We will sacrifice them at your mercy at \$3, \$2, \$1.50, 98c.

Children's Suits and Overcoats

Blouses, Norfolk, D. B. School Suits in all colors, patterns and styles, straight or bloomer pants. Overcoats in Oxford Greys, Black Cheviots, Brown Melton in the latest style effects, formerly sold at \$7, \$6, \$5, \$4 and \$3. Your only opportunity now at \$3.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50.

Men's & Boy's Furnishings!

All Wool Hose	9c
Hose Supporters	6c
Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	5c
Lisle Thread Suspenders	14c
Celluloid Collars	4c
Shop Caps	5c
Astrakhan Gloves	23c
All-wool Gloves	23c
Genuine Rubber Collars	19c
Solid Leather Gloves	23c
Fine Leather Gloves	43c
Genuine Buckskin Gloves	83c
Canvas Gloves	4c
Silk Handkerchiefs	19c
Wool Fleece Underwear	33c
Children's Fleece Underwear	23c
Lamb Wool Fleece Underwear	39c
D. B. Back and Front Fleece Underwear	43c
Medicated red and grey all-wool Underwear	75c
B. front, back	75c
All our 75c and 50c Dress Shirts	39c
Strictly all wool hand-made Coat Jacket in all colors	89c
Indigo Blue Fannel in D. B. & S. B.	75c

THE Globe Clothing Store

S. M. ROSENBERG, Proprietor.

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

Our February Shoe Sale for the Family

On last Saturday we had the very largest shoe business in the history of this store.

And what does this signify?

Simply that our reductions are genuine ---that almost every visitor went away a satisfied customer---that we had and have what we advertise.

If you need a pair of shoes, or will need a pair, you owe it to yourself to take advantage of these reductions.

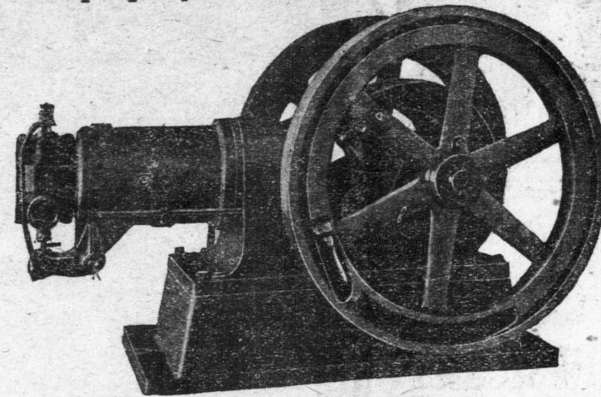
306 Market *Lippincott & Co.* 9 E. Third
Wilmington, Del.

J. F. McWhorter & Son

AGENTS FOR THE

OLDS high-grade Gasoline Engine

Adapted to all power and purposes. Mr. Up-to-date Farmer, read what a few of the people you know have to say about them:



St. Georges, Del., Dec. 30th, 1907.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gentlemen:—The 3-horse-power Olds gasoline engine I bought of you three years ago, is giving me perfect satisfaction, and should I at any time need more power, I would get another of the same, but larger. The one I have pumps all the water, shells all the corn, grinds all the feed, separates the milk, churns the cream, runs the washing machine, grinds the sausage, and in fact takes the place of a man, and is always ready. Of the many gasoline engines, I think the Olds the simplest and easiest to operate, as it has the least working parts to get out of order. I installed mine myself; have not needed anybody to look after it, have not needed any repairs, and do not notice any wear in three years' use. It is a labor saver. For raising water a wind engine is a back number compared with an Olds gasoline engine. You don't have to wait 'till the wind blows with the latter, and it can be used for various purposes. A trial will convince anyone that they are second to none. Yours respectfully,
GEO. D. CROSSLAND.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 28th, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son,

Middletown, Del.

Dear Sirs:—Yours of the 16th received, asking me to say what I think of the Olds gasoline engine I bought of you. In reply will say it has given me satisfaction, and is all that you claim for it. I bought it for a 3-horse-power, and it is full power. You asked me to mention how much the repairs have cost since I bought it. I have bought one spark plug which cost \$1.25. This is all I have paid for repairs, and have been using the engine over two years.

E. W. MANLOVE.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 1st, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son,

Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—The Olds gasoline engine purchased from you last spring, is doing me very excellent work. I have used it for most everything on the farm that an engine can be used for. I find it most simple and easy to run, and keep in order, and think it the strongest machine of the kind I ever saw, and the horse power is all that is claimed for it; in fact, some of the tests I have given it, demonstrated full six horse power if not more. While I had some little trouble at first, it was no fault of the engine; the whole matter being in the battery. I put on a new battery and have since had no trouble, and the machine has cost me nothing for repairs and is always ready for use.

Respectfully Yours,
JOHN P. COCHRAN, JR.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 26th, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gentlemen:—I have used the 7-horse-power Olds gasoline engine bought of you for nearly two years, and have found it perfectly satisfactory in every particular; plenty of power and always ready to run. I have had experience with several other makes, but with none like the Olds.

Yours truly,
J. C. GREEN.

St. Georges, Del., Jan. 5th, 1908.

My Dear Sirs:—It has been but a very short time since I became acquainted with the Olds gasoline engine. Before buying I was advised by several to make my investment in the Olds engine for several reasons, and

since I have used it I find it the cost in many ways. It is the least complicated and the easiest adjusted of any other engine on the market. Easy to start and willing to go. I find it a help saver in many ways. I pump the water for my stock, do my churning, grind my feed, shell corn, all with perfect satisfaction, and expect to make it do many other things as soon as I can arrange for them. I also think it is more powerful than the power they claim for it. I don't know how I ever got along without it, and surely will not be without one again as long as I am on the farm. Yours very respectfully,
JAMES B. MOORE.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 31st, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gents:—In reply to your letter asking me what I have to say about the Olds engine I bought of you. Will say I cannot say too much for this engine. It suits me to perfection. I have not had any trouble with it in any way since I bought it. I bought it for 8-horse-power, and am sure it is full power. Now that I have used it I would not know how to get along without it. It is a good investment. J. COWGILL ALSTON.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 30th, 1907.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gents:—I have been using the Olds gas engine you sold me on June 11th; with perfect satisfaction. It is simple, easy to run, and has not cost me one cent for repairs during the 7 months it has been in use, and for the use we have for it (ice cream making) it is a model engine. Respectfully yours,
W. B. KATES.

Port Penn, Del., Dec. 27th, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gentlemen:—I can say that the Olds gasoline engine, is all that they claim for it. My engine is an 8-horse-power, and has been running a little over four years. My work is mostly grinding feed. The repairs have cost me six or eight dollars, most of which has been my own carelessness. My batteries have never been refilled. Yours truly,
R. H. KEEN.

Cecilton, Md., Dec. 28d, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gentlemen:—In reply to your letter. I would say: The Olds engine that I have been using for nearly 3 years, has given me good satisfaction. It is a good strong machine, and easy to operate. I have done good work with it, and I cannot speak too high in its favor. Respectfully,
J. T. MANLOVE

Warwick, Md., January 22d, 1908.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son,

Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—Having used the Olds engine for over a year, I am glad to say that it has more than come up to the recommendation you gave it. Am using it for grinding, shelling corn, saving and practically doing all the heavy work in an up-to-date wheelwright and blacksmith shop. I have no hesitancy in saying that no shop or farm is complete without an Olds engine. While I have but a 3-horse power, it at times develops at least 5 horse. It is very simple and easy to run, and cost for repairs practically nothing, having cost me but 30 cents during the year, aside from batteries. I consider it the greatest investment I have made lately.

Respectfully,
A. R. MERRITT.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

Having accepted the agency for the Kinnard Haines Co. Engines, I am prepared to give the public the very best prices on the Engine, that will prove with a trial to be the leader. Any make of Gasoline engine will run something, somewhere, somehow. The Flour City will run anything, anywhere, all right, up to the capacity that they are rated.

A book containing hundreds of testimonials, showing clearly their merit for almost every conceivable kind of purpose for which Gasoline Engines are at all adapted, can be had on application. The Tractor Gasoline Engine has already proven its substantiality, and through suitability for threshing, road work, Gang plowing and all other purposes. These Engines are warranted to be built of good material and capable of developing the horse power named in contract. Terms reasonable.

I also have the agency for the Blatchley Fan cooled Gasoline Engine. The best small engine on the market. Running from 1 1/2 to 10 horse power. No water to freeze, no tank or pipe in the way Gasoline in base of Engine or from outside tank if preferred.

Repairs for the above Engines can be gotten from Philadelphia at once. Prospective purchasers will save money by writing for catalogue of full particulars. All kinds of highest class lubricants, Hard Grease, Belt dressing, Graphite, White Lead, and roof paint.

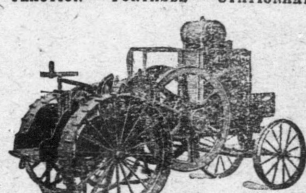
Cylinder oil from 12 cts. per gallon up. Good engine oil from 12 cts. per gallon up. Good cup grease from 6 cts. per lb. up. Thirty to sixty days will be allowed on all oils. Send postal for sample and prices. If oil does not prove satisfactory return to your nearest R. R. Station at our expense. Address all communications to

BROCKSON & MERRITT,

WARWICK, MARYLAND.

The Flour City

GASOLINE ENGINES
TRACTION = PORTABLE = STATIONARY



KINNARD-HAINES CO.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

BURSTAN'S

POPULAR
CORNER
STORE

Special Sale of Winter Clothing.

During the rest of the month we will sell all our clothing at special prices which we are sure cannot be duplicated elsewhere. Men's suits, overcoats and trousers will go at half their price.

Men's suits regular prices, \$15, \$12, \$10, \$8 now \$3, \$7, \$6, and \$5.

Men's storm overcoats with belt on sleeves for this sale \$7.

Men's corduroy trousers great value at \$3.50 now \$2.50.

Men's and Boy's sweaters at half price.

We bought a large line of sweaters at the commencement of the season, but did not sell them as fast as we expected. Rather than carry them over for another year we will sell at a loss. \$1.50, \$1.00 and 75 cent sweaters at 75, 50 and 39 cts.

GREAT REDUCTION IN LADIES' COATS. We have a few ladies' long, black, broad cloth coats left and we are selling them at prices that will amaze if you look at the coats. These coats were \$8.50, \$7.50 and \$5 now \$4.75, \$4.00 and \$3.

S. BURSTAN CORNER BROAD AND MAIN STS

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

The Transcript, \$1 Per Year

LOVE FINDS THE WAY

BY MARY MOORE

Valentine's Day in my grandfather's time; it was something worth looking forward to. The ice of many a court ship was broken the heart of many a maiden won through the medium of those emblematic pictures and flattering rhymes sent on that licensed morn. Young men—my grandfather among the number—were known never to have retired to rest at all, but to have spent the night previous under their mistresses' window, for the purpose of gaining her first glance in the morning, and thus, according to the old superstition, have the right of being her Valentine for the rest of the day, or what was perhaps still more important, her husband for life. Young girls, in order to avoid the sight of a disagreeable suitor, would shut themselves up for the entire morning; others, by various clever stratagems—peeping through little friendly holes in the window curtains; sitting with their eyes shut for hours, until they heard the wished-for step or well-beloved voice—endeavored to take in destiny, and cheat the fates! Postmen were known to have fainted beneath the weight of Cupids, doves, Hymens temples, and gold rings their bursting bags contained. One misanthropic man of letters committed suicide on Valentine's eve by throwing himself, bag and all, into a river near my grandfather's house leaving a note on the bank stating his reasons for the act: hatred to marriage and a desire to save his fellow creatures from that misery, as the woeful on the fourteenth of February, was generally a fool by the first of April.

But Valentine's Day in the twentieth century—the sober, intellectual, satirical twentieth century—is a very different affair. "These are the days of advance." In our onward march of civilization we have trampled the Maypole under our feet, de-throned its pretty queen, and turned Cupid out of doors. "Strong-minded young ladies" sneer at such "senseless things," and youth itself will soon be as much out of fashion as the rest. But, with all these disadvantages to battle against, Valentine's day, although the mere ghost of its former self, still continues to have its old "making" propensities; truth still lurks in those annual rhymes, and many a proposal those love lines have contained has ended in smiles and blushes, wedding favors, and bride-cake at Whitsuntide. There's my cousin Mabel and Minnie Grey, they are living examples of this last fact.

Of course you have never seen my cousin Mabel; but if you had you would certainly say she was the prettiest girl you had ever beheld. Female critics of beauty, it is true, found fault with her nose as being "somewhat too short," and her mouth as "a little too large; but then her eyes were so blue and soft, her eyelashes so dark and long, her hair so rich and bright, you forgot every other fault in looking at them; and as to her dimples they would positively have made Hebe jealous, could that young lady have seen them. Yet Mabel, strange to say with all her beauty had reached the mature age of eighteen without a lover. Her father, a country clergyman, had jealously kept his fair blossom to nestle by his side, hidden from all "vulgar eyes in the old ivied parsonage of a retired little village; rarely, if ever, allowing her to take part in any of the festivals and junketings given by their neighbors; those pleasant, merry meetings, where rural flirtations are got up, and the partners of a dance so often become the partners of a life. The consequence was, that when Mabel came to spend her Christmas with us she had not been a week from her leafy home before she danced exquisitely, flirted scientifically, and had caused half a dozen young men to wear torn-down collars and seriously contemplate suicide.

Now, as my father loves a full house, and declares "a merry Christmas" would be an utter impossibility without merry guests and good cheer, with "that so plentiful," that, like the jolly Frankelins, at this time, "it snowed in his house of mete and drink," you may be sure Miss Mabel had every opportunity of exercising her newly acquired accomplishments.

Teddy Green proposed for her five minutes after the first introduction, was refused, and has never since been heard of. Jack Sharp, the vicar's son, enlisted as a private soldier, to the unspeakable grief of his parents, because Mabel had expressed a liking for an officer. Ephraim Jones, father's friend, a tedious, proverbial bachelor of fifty, "full of wise saws and modern instances," forgot himself so far as to present Mabel with some verses of a most amatory nature, and was observed to have had a most suspicious liking for walking by moonlight for some time after. The number of healthy appetites she ruined the many sleepless nights she caused, are beyond my calculation; yet I suppose the world has never seen a conqueror more careless of conquests than my cousin Mabel. I often wondered that in lighting so many flames in the hearts of others she never burnt her own fingers. I began to think the old saying, that "everybody has been in love once in their lives," an utter mistake, and that Mabel bore a "charmed life," for her January's last days drew nigh and, her laugh was as merry, her dimples as pretty and her eyes brighter than ever.

Come, come, this won't do, Mabel, said my father it is positively unfair! Here have I displayed the finest assortment of goods, with every wish to please, and you are going to leave me without making a choice. If you are as fastidious over your ribbons as your lovers I pity the shopman.

Liberty for me: No man's wife I'll be.

sang Mabel, and we all gave her up as incorrigible. Can you write a good feigned hand? said Fred Pratt, entering the library where I was sitting alone, indulging in what Mr. Weller calls "a referee." Not that I'm aware of, said I. Because if you can, continued Fred, just direct this envelope—and he put down a bulky looking letter on the table. I've been trying a new kind of penmanship the whole morning, but I don't think it will do—and he showed me several hieroglyphical specimens. If you had a Chinese or Egyptian postman, it might, said I, examining them. But what do you want to feign your hand for? I hope you would not be guilty of so mean an action as writing an anonymous letter; remember, the man who can write an anonymous letter only lacks the bad courage to grasp an assassin's knife.

It—it—it's only a Valentine, stammered Fred; to-morrow's Valentine's Day.

A Valentine! I was never more surprised in my life. Fred was certainly the most bashful man I had ever met. Goldsmith's hero was bad enough, but Fred was worse. Why, he could no more have behaved as Marlow did to Miss Harcastle than he could have flown; and yet here was Fred sending a valentine! How he ever got his courage up to the sticking point, is still a mystery to me. And who's the lady, Fred? I inquired; I never observed you admired any one in particular.

Mabel Grant, of course, said Fred, with cheeks in an alarming if apologetic condition.

Mabel Grant, of course, said Fred, Here was another surprise. Why, Fred, we all thought you disliked her; you never joined in praising her—never danced with her—seldom spoke to her; in fact never caught "the prevailing epidemic," as I imagined at all.

I thought her far too beautiful and good; and myself too mean and unworthy ever to aspire to her at first, said Fred, in a dusky tone; but I love her so much now, I must tell her all—or—die; and he smote his forehead after the manner of men his condition.

Come, old fellow, don't be downhearted, said I, quite moved.

I've no other way of letting her know what I think and suffer but in this way, continued he taking up the bulky letter.

And a very good way, too, said I, encouragingly. What sort of verses are they? Mind they're strong.

I composed them myself, said Fred, they express exactly what I feel; and he took out the valentine.

Such a valentine! bunches of forget-me-nots—clusters of roses,

which, on being raised up, disclosed the alter of Love—a bleeding heart pierced with an arrow, lying upon it—with all the rapidity of a change in a pantomime. A delightfully healthy-looking little Cupid stood at the bottom of the page unrolling a scroll on which were inscribed in golden letters these lines:

Doubt thou the stars are fire;
Doubt that the sun doth move;
Doubt truth to be a liar;
But never doubt, I love.

I said I thought I had heard the lines before; but as Fred indignantly denied my suspicion, I with drew assertion.

I would not feign my hand in sending such a valentine, said I. Wouldn't you? said Fred, interrogatively.

No; conceivably of that sort are only required when you send uncomplimentary penny ones. I should let her know who sent it; direct it in your own writing.

And he did, after a little preening, with much confusion, in a hand that would have done honor to a Bolognese, with a seal to match.

I love her so much, he began again—but I was off to look for Mabel. I found her after a short search sitting in her own room writing, with a sheet of paper before her, which she hastily thrust into the table drawer as I entered.

To-morrow's Valentine's Day, Mabel, are you going to send any? I inquired.

Not I, said Mabel, with just the faintest tinge of a blush in her cheek. I would not receive such a nonsensical thing, let alone the sending; I have far too great a respect for the name of Love than to take it in vain in unmeaning rhymes.

Not always unmeaning, I said. I have known the verse fervently made in those pictorial billet doux as fervently kept; it all depends upon the man, you little sceptic.

You are certainly going to send a Valentine, interrupted Mabel eagerly.

Entre nous, this remark was both edifying and unpleasant—I had sent one that morning, written and posted it under immense difficulties—my father having the book I had copied the verses from in his pocket, which I was forced to pick, as I could not remember the best lines; and the postoffice, when I arrived, being tenanted by Jack Sharp inside, and guarded by old Jones outside, both evidently on the same errand, I had to remain down by a-lane a whole hour. I never hated old Jones so much!

You are certainly going to send a valentine! repeated Mabel, in triumph.

I saw no use denying it, for "I was blushing as red as a beet." Well, what if I am? said I, endeavoring to be dignified; I always practice what I preach; I see no crime in it.

No more do I, said Mabel, confidentially. I am going to send one, too, only I didn't like to tell you; I thought you might laugh; and she drew forth from the drawer she had kept jealously shut the most splendid specimen in the paper-cutting line I have ever beheld—you couldn't have told it from the finest Valenciennes—the verses, delicately inscribed in azure ink, looked as if they had been written by Titania with dew gathered by fairy fingers from the cup of a bluebell.

And who's it to, Mabel? said I, in a friendly, careless manner—I was dying to know.

Cousin Fred, I can't try. It's no use, I could never find out; you never showed you liked any one in particular.

Well, I don't think this one likes me, said Mabel, with a sigh. He's so hard to please, she continued pettishly, or so hard-hearted, I don't know which. I don't think he likes women, only I liked him from the first, and as I'm going home next week, it's no harm just to hint it to him; and she looked quite sad for a few minutes, but on lifting up her head she saw something in the pier-glass opposite which seemed to console her surprisingly.

For after looking for a few seconds she went on again quite gayly. Don't waste so much thought upon the riddle, cousin; do you give it up?

Yes—who is it?

She came quite close and whispered—Fred Pratt!

Who?

Fred Pratt!

I felt horribly inclined to throw my arms about my cousin, and kiss her from pure joy—but, as it might have alarmed her, I restrained myself and calmly went to post the valentine.

The auspicious morn arrived, the sun (contrary to Fred's expectation) did nothing original; but rose at his usual hour in the east, accompanied by a few commonplace looking clouds—things proceeded in their accustomed way—perhaps a little more laughing and whispering among the girls, until the clock struck nine, then a great change became perceptible, tones began to be hummed, indicative of perfect ease of mind in the hummers—books diligently read, as if the salvation of the readers depended upon them, conversations on important subjects, carried up in the most careless and reckless manner; suddenly in the midst of it all, like a clap of thunder, rat! rat! went the front door knocker. It's the postman! the postman! screamed a chorus of voices—two young men became immediately agitated, and left the room—Minnie Grey upset her tea, and I broke a plate.

In came the servant (I thought she would have been suffocated with her own importance) bearing a large tray before her, on which were piled letters of every description, from the imposing looking official dispatch, with its huge seal, that must have consumed a stick of sealing-wax, down to the delicately scented, exquisitely made "billet doux," that should have had a sylph for a postman, and a fairy for its messenger. Such laughing and blushing—such anxiety, in spite of the pretty head-tossing, sunny pointing, and assumed carelessness—such eagerness to find out the writing—such an innocent, foolish, happy time never was seen.

But where was Mabel?

She had never left her room; her valentines, no small number, had been taken up to her. Of course, what took place between her and them, no mortal can ever know; but, after a little time we heard her door open, and her half cup pressed cream—for, between surprise

and joy, she had well-nigh fallen into his arms.

Into whose arms?

Fred Pratt's, of course. Poor fellow, he had spent the whole night on the landing, and had thus gained his first glance and first greeting in the morning.

I had no other way of saying how much I love you, said he, half laughing and half crying, like the good-hearted simple fellow he was: I've been very unhappy ever since you've been here.

Are you happy now? said Mabel, looking desperately pretty and coquettish, clad in her morning dress and blushes, as she laid her dimpled hand on his.

He answered by kissing it passionately.

I never thought that you loved me, said Mabel, pouting. You never showed it.

Why, I always loved you, said Fred, from the very first, and—

And what were they said we must leave to the imagination of those of my readers who have been in the same position themselves.

My father says—and he has had experience in such matters—that we may make our minds to wedding-favors and bride-cake at Whitsuntide.

Learn Telegraphy. Send us your name and address, and we will send you a complete learners outfit, including high class sender and key and book of instructions for self teaching.

Atlantic Telegraph Institute, Laurel, Del.

M. BANNING,
DEALER IN FINE
GROCERIES!

Special clearing sale in our dry goods and notions. These goods must go to make room for the spring and summer goods, so don't miss these bargains.

Good heavy Shaker flannel in plain blue, pink, gray and cream colors, were 12c, now 10c per yard.

Light colors, pin stripe and several patterns of outings to select from, were 12c yard, are now 9c.

A lot of short pieces of Bates' and Palmer's seersuckers, were 12c yard, must go at the yard.

We have some very pretty patterns of flannelized reduced from 12c to 9c, also some cotton flannel which was 10c and 12c to go at 8c.

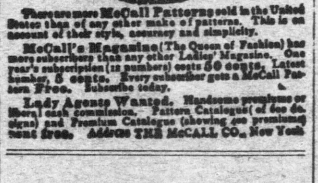
Here is a snap, don't miss it. Men's extra heavy, fleece lined underwear, never sold for less than 50c a garment, are now 40c. One lot of ladies' fleeced lined, rib vests and pants, were 25c, now 18c each.

Lot of wash rags, were 5 cents, are now 3c.

We are sacrificing these goods because we need the room.

Don't forget, we are carrying a larger assortment of fine and fancy groceries than ever before. Special attention paid to our line of vegetables, foreign and domestic fruits. We have a large selection of cakes, crackers and cereals, too numerous to mention; so just come and look them over. We shall endeavor to give our best attention to our customers.

M. BANNING,
Middletown, Del.
Phone 60.



Wild's Restaurant
A GOOD MEAL
At any hour during the day or evening.

Oysters in all styles
We are now ready to fill your order for Christmas with.

A FINE BASKET OF APPLES.
A BUNCH OF BANANAS.
ALL KINDS OF NUTS.
FINE SEEDLESS ORANGES.
MALAGA AND WHITE GRAPES.

CANDIES!
Our Home-made Candies are delicious. Lowmyer's Chocolate, and in fact any price candies from 10c to 60c per lb.

We will furnish candies, fruits, nuts, etc., for Church and Sunday School treats at wholesale prices.

Wild's Restaurant,
West Main Street, Middletown, Del.

Catalog of Music FREE
To introduce our plan of selling music through the mail, we will send one of the latest and up to date catalogs free, and will include one copy of a late Broadway hit for ten cents in stamps.

L. M. ELBERTSON,
306 W. Eighth St.,
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Before buying your
Candies...

FRUITS, NUTS, &c
Call and inspect the new line of

W. W. ALLEN,
(Weber's Old Stand)

East Main St., - Middletown.
FRESH
Bread, Cakes and
Pies Daily.

"Gold Medal" Flour for family use, both wholesale and retail.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of Merrill N. Willis, Administrator of the estate of William H. Dockett, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same daily at the County Clerk's Office, on or before the first day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
NEW CASES OF WILLIS OFFICE, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 1, 1908. Upon the application of William H. Money, Executor of the estate of William H. Money, late of the County of New Castle, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of Letters of Administration to be granted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the